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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V405

Manufacturer Name: Harbinger Motors Inc.

Submission Date: Jun 24, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V405

Manufacturer Recall No.: REC-04-00003

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Harbinger Motors Inc.

Address: 12821 Knott St
Garden Grove CA, 92841

Total number of potentially involved: 129

Estimated percentage with defect: 2%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 Harbinger Motors Stripped Chassis

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Other

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Dec 11, 2024 - Sep 23, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 129

Descriptive Information:

The population of 129 vehicles are those for which vehicle rework records were not logged in accordance with Harbinger's written procedure.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

On certain vehicles a procedure to add chemical threadlocker to the steering gear mounting bolts may not have been performed.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If as many as three (3) of the four (4) steering gear mounting bolts were to completely dislodge or break, then the vehicle would experience a loss of steering authority. If all four (4) bolts were to completely dislodge or break, it is possible the vehicle would have little to no steering authority.

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Description of the cause:

The documentation required to confirm application of the chemical threadlocker was insufficient for the affected vehicles, leaving its application unconfirmable.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

If the steering gear box becomes loose enough to shift in position due to loosened bolts, the driver would feel play and hear noise from the steering mechanism.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1:

Component Description:

Component Part Number:

Chronology

- 9/16/2025: Steering gear mounting bolts found loose on two (2) vehicles during initial vehicle validation testing; one (1) reported with loose steering feel and one (1) reported with poor alignment.
- 9/22/2025: To address the above issue, PRW-8649 (factory product rework) was issued to apply threadlocker to all vehicles already produced.
- 9/24/2025: A clean point was established as of VIN 7ZN5S25A4SG000357 for the production line on 9/24/2025 (the "Clean Point").
- 5/4/2026: A customer vehicle experienced steering looseness, and initial investigation found the cause to be the steering gear box fasteners had become loose.
- 5/5-6/2026: An internal investigation was initiated, establishing that the threadlocker had not been applied despite documentation to the contrary in the PRW record, and the picture requirement in the PRW work instruction was modified for clarity.
- 6/4/2026: Further investigation found that the PRW instructions called for photographic evidence of the threadlocker and that the documentation for the customer truck at issue was not consistent

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with the instructions and the record was inconclusive. Further study of the PRW records showed that the majority of the VINs listed in the PRW had either no picture or a picture inconsistent with the instructions and were therefore inconclusive.

- 6/17/2026: Harbinger's Vehicle Safety Committee met on 6/17/26 and determined this condition could pose an unreasonable risk to public safety in violation of the Safety Act and that a Part 573 recall should commence to appropriately address the condition.

Harbinger is not aware of any reports of accident or injury related to this condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number: NA

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Harbinger or dealership service technicians will inspect the steering gear assembly completely free of charge. Technicians will (i) remove the old fasteners, (ii) replace them with new Harbinger-provided fasteners with preinstalled chemical threadlock patches, (iii) retorque the fasteners, and (iv) document the service work with photographic evidence.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The original remedy was tested and validated but the execution did not provide sufficient documentation to confidently exclude the population of affected vehicles. This rework revisits the same solution with more robust documentation and using fasteners with pre-applied chemical threadlocker.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

A clean point was established as of VIN 7ZN5S25A4SG000357 for the production line on 9/24/2025. Since the clean point, production is using only the patch bolts with pre-applied threadlocker.

Reimbursement Plan

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Estimated Dealer Notification Date: July 10, 2026

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Estimated Owner Notification Date: August 10, 2026

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jun 25, 2026 - Jul 10, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jul 15, 2026 - Aug 10, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: